

Speakers

Dan Brown – Dan lives in Conrad and teaches middle school woodshop classes and high school drafting. He got the aviation “bug” as a little boy from his grandfather who was a pilot and owner of several aircraft. A handful of airplane rides throughout Dan’s childhood was all it took to cement a lifelong love of flight! Dan pursued his aviation interest by building and flying radio-controlled aircraft throughout middle school & high school and on into college. Once a teacher, Dan incorporated flight into several cross-curricular units within his classes. Dan attended his first aviation conference six years ago, and learned of many more ways to share his love of flight within his classroom. Richard Klien presented several sectionals at that first conference, and encouraged Dan to pursue his pilot’s license. Two years ago, Dan started flight training, and has finally realized his dream of becoming a pilot. Dan soloed a 1941 Taylorcraft on January 21, 2006, and passed his private pilot check ride about a month ago! Dan is building an experimental 2-seater, and owns a single seat experimental 3/4 size cub. He is looking forward to teaching his 3 daughters how to fly!

George (J.R.) Brown, Jr. – J.R. is an Aerospace Physiologist at the Civil Aerospace Medical Institute in Oklahoma City, OK. He was born and raised in North Carolina, serving in the USAF from 1981 to 1989 as an Aerospace Physiology specialist. J.R. received his Bachelors in Physiology in 1985 and a Masters in Aerospace Physiology in 1988. He was hired by the Civil Aerospace Medical Institute as a Training Instructor in 1989 to present.

Jim Brusda - Jim received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Atmospheric Sciences from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee in May of 1997. After doing some volunteer internship work for both the National Weather Service (NWS) – Milwaukee and a local television station in Milwaukee, Jim accepted a full time weather position in early 1998 at Weather Central Inc., in Madison, Wisconsin. In January 1999, Jim accepted a full time internship with the NWS in Great Falls, Montana. Since then, Jim has advanced in his career to a General Forecaster with the NWS – Great Falls, and is now in his ninth year as a meteorologist for the NWS.

Randle S. Corfman, Ph.D., M.D. – Dr. Corfman is familiar to many pilots in Montana. He incorporates his love of aviation with his medical practice, flying to many locations in the Upper Midwest, providing medical care MT, AK, ND, SD, WI, MI and MN, where his practice is based. He serves as an Aviation Medical Examiner in addition to his primary practice in reproductive endocrinology and gynecology, where he concentrates on helping couples who are having difficulty conceiving. He has a special interest in survival and wilderness medicine. Dr. Corfman has a medical degree from the University of Kansas School of Medicine, a doctorate degree in biochemistry from Kansas State University and a bachelor's degree from Kansas Wesleyan University. He also was a distinguished fellow in reproductive medicine at Yale University.

Troy Decker – Troy is an Air Traffic Control Specialist who has been working at Salt Lake City Center since 1986. He has controlled Montana Airspace during this entire period. Prior to the FAA Troy was enlisted in the U.S. Navy for 5 years, serving as an Operations Specialist involved with operations and intelligence. Troy is also a former Butte High “Bulldog”. Troy currently lives in the Salt Lake Valley with his three teenagers. They enjoy traveling in his 1977 C180 and have attended various fly-ins around the region, one of their favorite destinations is the Three Forks Fly-in.

Kristi Dunks – Kristi is an Air Safety Investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Northwest Regional Office in Seattle, Washington. Kristi is a dual rated commercial pilot for helicopters and airplanes and is a certified flight instructor. She also holds a mechanics certificate for airframe and powerplant. Additionally, she teaches college aircraft accident investigation courses. Kristi is originally from Butte, and feels that clear, winter morning flying in Montana is really hard to beat.

Robert Gadsby – Robert is the Supervisor of all Customs and Border Protection airports in Montana. He is based in Great Falls and has been with Customs since 1987. He began his career in San Diego, and then moved to the northwest in 1989, working in Idaho and Montana. Robert is interested in improving service and implementing better aviation smuggling prevention measures.

Bill Gallea, M.D. - Bill is a private pilot and emergency physician from Helena. For twenty years he was also a dog musher and long distance racer. He was involved with the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race for about ten years as a musher, race volunteer, family support person, and also a journalist. In 1996 he made it to Nome with his own dog team. In 2002 and 2003 he provided worldwide coverage of the "Last Great Race" for a website. In '02 he traveled by snowmobile and in '03 he and Jeanne MacPherson traveled the trail by airplane.

Tom George – Tom is the Alaska Representative of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. He works with government and industry groups to promote general aviation on behalf of AOPA members in Alaska. Mr. George serves on the State of Alaska Aviation Advisory Board, and is an organizer of Aviation North Expo, a general aviation conference held annually. He also owns a small business that acquires aerial photography for scientific and industrial applications. Prior to joining AOPA, Mr. George worked as an applied researcher and project manager at the Geophysical Institute, University of Alaska Fairbanks. He earned a bachelor degree in science at Oregon State University and a masters degrees in geology and land resources management at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. He holds a commercial multi-engine pilot certificate, along with certified flight instructor and instrument ratings, and has flown around Alaska for the past thirty years. Flying is a great way to see Alaska. Covering an area a fifth the size of the contiguous US, yet with only 0.3 percent of the nation's public roads, aviation is the only way to efficiently get around the state. But the same

qualities that make Alaska exciting to explore by air can create challenges for pilots. This seminar will provide an overview of the most popular routes through Canada to Alaska. The presenter will describe some of challenges to watch out for, and the “tools” available to help you safely navigate the sky’s of the 49th state.

Francis Gilliam – Since moving permanently to Montana in 1997 Francis has been employed in Real Estate as a Property Manager. She earned her Private Pilot Certificate in 1976 and Instrument Rating in 1985. She currently has 9,284 total flight time. Francis’s aviation activities and recognition include, Billy Mitchell Squadron, CAP; Experimental Aircraft Association (built a VP-2); FAA Accident Prevention Counselor; 99’s International Organization of Woman Pilots; Transport and Public Relations Chair for 99s International Convention; Interim Chairman (Lisa Cook) New Orleans Chapter 99’s; Chapter Safety Officer; Lakefront Airport Safety Committee; President Owners and Operators committee; Co-chaired with Nancy McConnell, Statewide Aviation Safety Week; Speaker National Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics NSTL, Mississippi; Instructor CAP Search & Rescue Cadet Squadrons.

Jim Greil – Jim was born and raised in Bonner, Montana and grew up working in his family’s logging, road construction and trucking businesses. After being appointed and serving as a youth ambassador in Europe during high school, Jim attended Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott Arizona, earning a CFII/MEI and graduating with a degree in Aeronautical Science with a minor in aircraft accident investigation. After graduation, Jim worked as a flight instructor and commercial pilot for various firms in the Southwest. In 1992, Jim returned home to help manage a large road construction contract in Alaska. In 1994, Jim was hired as an Aviation Support Officer with the MDT Aeronautics Division. In 2001, Jim became the chief of the Divisions Airports/Airways Bureau. The Bureau currently owns and operates 15 airports, over 26 NDBs, 67 Unicoms, and 19 airway navigational beacons statewide. The Bureau is also responsible for the airport loans and grants program, airport engineering assistance, public-use airport inspections, maintenance of two Division aircraft and many other functions. Jim has flown to all 120 public use airports in Montana several times and has stick time in many different aircraft ranging from an F-16 fighter to a competition Pitts S2B to a Firefly ultralight. Jim currently flies the Division’s A-36 Bonanza and turbo C-206.

David Hedditch – David graduated from Hamilton High School in 1960. He attended Montana State University graduating in 1965 with a BA-Finance. In November 1965 he entered in an Officer Training Course in the United State Air Force. David began pilot training in February 1966, graduating as a fighter pilot in February 1967, assigned to an F-4. David served in Vietnam from August 1970 through August 1971, with temporary duty in 1973. The primary aircraft he flew were an F-4; 2139 hours; 350 combat time; 185 combat sorties; shot down February 25, 1971. He also flew an O-2A Cessna 337; 1255 hours and F111A;

656 hours. David retired from the Air Force on June 30, 1986 with Pertinent Decorations, Silver Star for Heroism and Distinguished Flying Cross with 2 Oak Leaf and an Air Medal with 8 Oak Leaf Clusters. Upon retirement from the military David worked for Edward D. Jones and Co. from 1986 through January 2000. He currently lives south of Victor, Montana on a private airstrip MT72. David will tell the story of being shot down over Laos in his F-4 and the successful rescue of he and his back seater the following day.

David Hogan - Dave received his Bachelor's Degree in Meteorology from the University of Utah in 1993. Outside a 3-year stint as fire weather forecaster with the Federal Land Management Agencies, Dave has worked continuously for the National Weather Service since 1992. Since 2005 he has worked at the Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC) in Salt Lake City as Meteorologist in Charge of the Center Weather Service Unit (CWSU). His Weather Service career has included stays in Juneau, Alaska, Yakima and Seattle, Washington, and Salt Lake City, Utah.

Steve Jones – Steve is the FAA Safety Team (FAASTeam) Program Manager assigned to the Helena Flight Standards District Office. The FAAS Teams's mission is to improve upon the nation's aviation accident rate by conveying safety principles and practices through training, outreach, and education. He started his career in aviation after completing the Airframe and Powerplant mechanics course and Avionics course at the Helena Vo-Tech. He served as director of maintenance and maintenance supervisor for several southwest Montana fixed base operators. He was hired as an Aviation Safety Inspector with the FAA in June of 1996.

Patrick Kenney – For many decades, aviators in Montana have heard about an original Pietenpol Aircamper that was built and flown in Roundup during the 1930s and then placed in storage. For 71 years the aircraft remained hidden away until 2006 when David Comstock's 1932 Pietenpol Aircamper was restored through the partnership of EAA Chapter 57 and the Musselshell Valley Historical Museum. This powerpoint presentation will focus on the aircraft's amazing history along with the 15 month restoration of this unique piece of Montana aviation history.

Martin Kidston - Martin graduated from the University of Montana–Missoula in 1997 after serving in the Marines. He lives in Helena, where he works as a newspaper reporter for the Helena Independent Record and as a freelance writer. He is the author of *From Poplar to Papua: Montana's 163rd Infantry Regiment in WWII*, and coauthor, with Barbara Fifer, of *Wanted! Wanted Posters of the Old West*. Illustrated with 40 historical photographs, his newest book, *Cromwell Dixon: A Boy and His Plane*, is the remarkable story of the boy wonder of turn-of-the-century Columbus, Ohio, Crowell Dixon, who became the first pilot to cross the Continental Divide in Helena, Montana, on September 30, 1911 in a Curtiss pusher. Jeff Berry, a richly detailed foreword, also reveals the family

stories about Cromwell Dixon: How he built his own roller coaster, two motor-driven bicycles, and, at the age of fifteen, a pedal-powered airship known as the Skycycle. Kidston tells the dramatic story of how Cromwell Dixon grew from a child prodigy into a national aviation hero at the turn of the twentieth century. From his childhood in Columbus, Ohio, Dixon was driven by dreams of flying. He became the youngest licensed pilot in the country and, on one fine September day in Montana, he was the first pilot to fly across the Continental Divide in his plan, the Little Hummingbird—only to meet with a fiery death two days later.

Richard Klein – For 18 years, Richard Klein taught aviation education to middle and upper grade inner city students within the Chicago Public Schools. Using a curriculum he designed, these students consistently showed impressive gains upon standardized tests, had fewer discipline referrals, and improved their daily attendance. Richard works with school districts nationwide to show teachers how aviation education can be used to teach mathematics and science, integrating with language arts, social studies, and technology. Richard has partnered with the State Aeronautics Division in Illinois, Idaho and Michigan to present aviation education to their teachers. In addition, Richard is no stranger to Montana, having worked with Montana Aeronautics in 2001, 2002, and 2004 to conduct teacher workshops during the annual Montana Aviation Conferences. He earned a BS in Psychology and a MA in School administration and Supervision. Richard also is a pilot and professional photographer. He resides in Buffalo Grove, located 35 miles northwest of Chicago.

Paul Lachapelle – Paul is the Montana State University Extension Community Development Specialist. Working in partnership with the Local Government Center, his responsibilities involve providing research, technical assistance and training on various community development topics in communities across the state. Specifically, he works toward providing resources and programs in many areas including community strategic visioning, local governance, leadership development training, community tourism assessment and development, economic and business development, community profiling, conflict management and resolution, economic impact assessments, planning facilitation, and community surveys. Paul earned his Ph.D. at the University of Montana's College of Forestry and Conservation in 2006 with a focus on natural resource policy and governance. He has conducted research and taught in both Montana and internationally with nearly three years of applied research, development work and national parks in the Canadian Territory of Nunavut, review and consultation of forest management and community development projects in Guinea, West Africa and research on the role of community governance in Kruger National Park, South Africa. Paul is author of many peer-reviewed journal articles on local governance and strategic planning.

Dave Lepine – Dave was employed at the Rapid City Regional Airport for 26 years. Dave began his career at the Rapid City Regional Airport in 1981 as a maintenance worker that was charged with maintaining the facility and grounds

of the airport. In 1987 Dave was promoted to Director of Certification and Maintenance of the Rapid City Regional Airport a position he maintained until joining Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc. in 2007. As Director of Certification and Maintenance one key area that Dave was charged with is the compliance of the Federal Aviation Regulation Part 139. This included a strong working relationship with Federal Aviation Administration Certification inspectors. Dave is very proud of the fact that for 8 consecutive years the Rapid City Regional Airport received no letters of correction and was one of the first airports in the Great Lakes Region to receive the Federal Aviation Excellence in Safety award. Dave coordinated and oversaw many projects while employed at the Rapid City Regional Airport. A few of the major projects were the construction of the 90,000 square foot terminal building, the main air carrier runway reconstruction which included coordination with Ellsworth Air Force Base for use of air carrier operations and the main taxiway reconstruction and alignment. Dave had the distinct privilege of being asked to sit on two panels with the Transportation Research Board conducted under the Airport Cooperative Research Program. These panels explored the topics of "Rubber Removal Techniques to Minimize Damage on Grooved Runways" and "Preventing Vehicle/Aircraft Incidents During Winter Operations." Dave is married to his wife Jo of 27 years and they have a 17 year old daughter Jillian.

Colonel Michael J. McDonald - Colonel McDonald functions as the Wing Commander of a 900-plus fighter wing. His primary purpose is to provide leadership and management of the flying/training unit(s) and to provide manpower, equipment and training in preparation to perform the wartime mission. He is responsible for determining unit goals, long and short range strategic planning, and executing unit programs. He is also responsible for the management of aircraft, equipment, and other assets valued at nearly three quarters of a billion dollars. Colonel McDonald ensures the wing can meet mobilization requirements and effectively integrate with active components under all contingencies. He serves as a vital member of the Adjutant General's Senior Staff. He assumed the position in June 2007. As a dependent of an Air Force Officer and Pilot, he lived in a variety of locations throughout the United States and attended Jonathan M. Wainwright High School in Tainan, Taiwan for 3 years, graduating in 1974. While in the 120th Fighter Wing he has been a Battle Officer in two ACC Operational Readiness Inspections, an Operations Group Quality Council Member and USA writer, Co-chairman of the 120th Fighter Wing Resource Management Team, 120th Fighter Wing Conversion Officer, and Flight Lead for the 1992 William Tell Team. He was the Logistics Group Commander for three and a half years, the Operations Group Commander for over two years, and the Vice Wing Commander for over 3 years.

Jeanne MacPherson – Jeanne MacPherson is the Bureau Chief, Safety and Education, with Montana Aeronautics Division. She is the Chief Pilot and a Mountain Flight Instructor. Jeanne is a National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI) Master Instructor. In March, Jeanne will be presenting for the Flight Instructor

Clinic for "Women In Aviation" in San Diego. Jeanne is a Young Eagles Flight Leader (EAA) and has flown over 3,585 students. She is the recipient of the EAA "Freedom of Flight Award" in 2003. In 2002, Jeanne was Bill Gallea's primary flight instructor, and in 2003 they flew the Iditarod Trail, together with legendary Alaskan bush pilot, Paul Claus.

Linda Marshall – Linda earned her Private Pilot certificate in 1979 and bought her first Piper Tomahawk. The Instrument rating followed in 1981; she went on to get her Commercial certificate the next year and earned her CFI in 1983. She received an Amelia Earhart Scholarship for Multi-engine training and achieved that goal in 1991. She then earned her CFII in 2003. Besides actively teaching flying, Linda loves to share flying with school children through the Air Bear program, Girl Scouts, Young Eagles and the Expanding Your Horizons program. She frequently introduces home-schooled students to the airport at Bozeman. Linda's enthusiasm for aviation has taken her into the Civil Air Patrol where she served as a mission coordinator and mission pilot. She also served as the Montana Aeronautics District Search Coordinator for search and rescue in three counties. She represents the Ninety-Nines on the Board of the Aviation Organizations of Montana (AOM).

Michelle Mead - Michelle received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Meteorology from St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud Minnesota in May of 1994. She began her career with the National Weather Service in October of 1994 at the Minneapolis/Chanhassen Minnesota office. Over the next 7 years, Michelle traveled to 4 additional National Weather Service offices. She's worked in Alpena, Michigan, Rapid City South Dakota, Pendleton Oregon, and finally Missoula MT where she has remained the last 7 years. At one time, she had lived in 4 different time zones in 4 years. Michelle advanced in her career with each move and with this last move, accepted a Lead Forecaster position in Missoula Montana. October of 2008 will mark her 14th year with the National Weather Service.

Mike Milburn – Mike is a retired Air Force pilot, having served twenty years in the U.S. Air Force and Montana Air National Guard. His military career included flying the: C-141, C-130, C-26, T-38 instructor, T-33, F-106, and F-16. He currently flies the Mercy Flight fixed wing Air Ambulance for Benefis Hospital in Great Falls. He has served two terms in the State House of Representatives and is up for re-election this year. He serves on the Business and Labor and Health and Human Services Committees, and is chairman of the Fish Wildlife and Parks Committee. He also serves on the Economic Affairs Interim Committee and acts as the Legislative Liaison for the Montana State Fund (Workman's Comp). He and his wife are actively involved in their community and reside on their farm outside of Cascade.

Anne Millbrooke – Anne was born in western Oregon and raised on the coast of Washington state. She went east to college, first to Boise State College in Idaho for a bachelor's degree, then to the University of Wisconsin at Madison for a

master's degree, and finally to the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia for her doctorate. Her field of study was history. She directed the Archive and Historical Resource Center at United Technologies Corporation, and thereby served as the historian for Pratt & Whitney, Hamilton Standard, Sikorsky, and other divisions of the corporation. She taught history at universities in Alaska, Connecticut, and Montana. Along the way, she has won Mellon, Smithsonian, National Science Foundation, and NASA fellowships. Now a freelance writer, she lives in Bozeman. Her latest major publication is a revised, updated edition of her award-winning Aviation History book.

Don Misevic – Don has been involved in aviation for over 50 years. Born in Butte, raised in Stevensville and Missoula, he grew up hanging out at Johnson Flying Service in Missoula. Don graduated from Missoula County High School in 1958 and attended University of Montana. He made a 35 year career on the NP/BN railroad and retired as a Locomotive Engineer. He holds a commercial pilot license with SEL, MEL and INST ratings. Don is also has an A/P license. He has been involved with general aviation airports in Montana for over 30 years, and has been the Airport Manager at the Stevensville Airport for the last 20 years.

Rick Newman – Rick started his aviation career in 1984 by enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps as a helicopter crew chief and mechanic. In 1991 he moved to Missoula and worked for Northstar Air Express, Omniflight Helicopters, Homestead Helicopters, Metro Aviation, Montana Army National Guard and Washington Corporations as an A&P and IA mechanic. In 1995 he started a part time company, Experimental Warplanes working on ex-military and homebuilt aircraft. In 1997 he went fulltime with his company and has been doing contract maintenance worldwide. Rick now lives and runs his business in St. Ignatius.

Tina Pomeroy – Tina lives in White Sulphur Springs MT. She received her Private Pilot's license in 1983, and now holds Commercial licenses in the US and Canada, along with an instrument rating and float certification. Tina has done many Expanding Your Horizons and Flying Companion Seminars throughout Montana, and also the Air Bear program put on by the Ninety Nines in several schools. She is a member of Civil Air Patrol (CAP), Women In Aviation International (WAI) and presents the CAP on the AOM Board. She and her husband spend their summers in northern Saskatchewan, where flying on floats is a #1 priority and the best of both worlds.

Dan Prill – Dan is a member of the Montana Pilots Association (MPA) and is the Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Recreational Aviation Foundation. Dan has been a Board member of the Recreational Aviation Foundation since its inception. He is also past President of the Great Falls Hangar of the MPA. Dan became involved with the Recreational Airstrip Committee of the MPA in December of 2002 when he hosted a lunchtime Barbecue at his hangar near Sand Coulee, MT. Nineteen people attended the barbecue. John McKenna, Jr.

and Chuck Jarecki attended the Barbecue and gave a presentation on the pending Missouri Breaks Airfields. Dan has been involved with backcountry aviation ever since and works closely with the Recreational Airstrip Committee of the MPA. Dan was instrumental in working with the US Forest Service in getting the new Russian Flat Airfield written into the Lewis and Clark National Forest, Jefferson Division, Travel Plan. Dan and his wife Margy live near Sand Coulee, MT where they have their own hangar and airstrip at his house. He flies a Cessna 185, a Piper Super Cub, and is building a Van's RV-7 airplane.

Rob Quist – Rob a rancher's son and native Montanan, is recognized as one of the West's best known songwriters, composers and main stage performers. In the words of Ruth Mills, reviewer of the Reno-Sparks Tribune, "Quist keeps the audience enthralled—not just loud clapping and hooting but rapt attention to songs sung by a man deep into his music—the originality is astounding... His band is a combined musical talent bank putting together a sound unlike any other heard in Country Music today!" Rob has toured extensively throughout the United States, Canada, and Japan, headlining in every major concert hall in America, including the Great American Music Hall in San Francisco, the Palomino in Los Angeles, The Bitter End in New York City, The Rainbow in Denver and Byfield's in the Ambassador East Hotel in Chicago. Rob has also appeared at Michael Martin Murphey's West Fest in Copper Mountain, Colorado and Red River, New Mexico, Bumber Shoot in Seattle, Rockin' the Rockies, Aber Day Kegger in Missoula, and the Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nevada. The Missoulian named Rob one of the Premiere Montana Musicians of the 20th Century, and he was just recently inducted into the University of Montana's Fine Arts Department Hall of Fame. He was saluted as a "celebrated Montana musician and composer who has captured the spirit of the West in his music, an evocative and versatile artist whose gift of song has touched the hearts and souls of his countrymen, an eloquent proponent of the history and beauty of the West whose legacy in song will be embraced by generations to follow." Rob has released 8 CDs, and his original music has been charted on Billboard's Top 100, the National Independent Label Charts and has hit the charts in Europe where his songs "Rain, Tears and Whiskey" and "Living Wild and Free" debuted on Radio ATL in Belgium at numbers 10 and 16, respectively. His music has been recorded by Country Greats Michael Martin Murphey, Loretta Lynn, Mission Mountain Wood Band and The Montana Band. Levi Jeans chose Rob from a field of top country music writers to compose and produce a song for their National Ad Campaign. The song, "Blue Jean Love Affair", aired on the Top 20 Country Markets for 90 days. Other artists chosen by Levi Jeans to compose songs for the Jazz, Blues, Rock and Roll, and Heavy Metal Markets were Taj Mahal, Jerry Garcia, Shawn Colvin, Ray Cooder, Los Lobos and the Subdudes.

Dennis Roberts – Dennis is the Regional Administration for the FAA's Northwest Mountain Region. Roberts assumed the position on October 30, 2006. As Regional Administrator, his responsibilities include representing the FAA Administrator in the region's seven states of Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Oregon,

Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Additionally, he supports the region's Air Traffic Organization's (ATO) Western Service Area (WSA) which includes the Northwest Mountain Region states plus those in the FAA's Western-Pacific Region (Arizona, California, Nevada, Hawaii and Pacific islands) and the State of Alaska - Alaskan Region. Previously, Roberts was Director of the FAA's Office of Airport Planning and Programming (APP-1) in Washington, DC where he oversaw policy matters on airport planning, environmental and social requirements, airport development grants (AIP), passenger facility charges (PFC), property transfers and agency rulemaking actions pertaining to these programs. He also served as the FAA lead for the Joint Planning and Development Office (JPDO) Airport Integrated Product Team (AIPT). The AIPT is responsible for developing airport capacity to meet aviation demand through the year 2025. In 2005, Roberts lead the FAA's Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) for the Washington National Capital Area, setting an FAA record for contributions. Prior to joining the FAA in 2004, Roberts was the Deputy Executive Director for the Louisville (KY) Regional Airport Authority (LRAA), responsible for the Authority's airport planning, engineering, operations (ARFF), information technology and properties divisions. Roberts also had executive management responsibility for Bowman Field, the Authority's general aviation airport. Roberts has also served as the Vice-President/Executive Director of Government and Technical Affairs for the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (1997-2001), Executive Director for the Colorado DOT-Division of Aeronautics (1989-1997), Director-Regional Aviation Planning for the Denver Regional Council of Governments (1984-1989) and Program Manager/Senior Planner for several aviation consulting firms, specializing in airport planning and design (1977-1984). A 1,200-hour instrument-rated, commercial pilot, Roberts is a native of Excelsior Springs, Missouri. He is a member of the FAA's Senior Executive Service (SES) and holds a bachelor's degree in aviation management as well as being a master's degree candidate in aviation safety from Central Missouri State University.

Steve Rossiter - Steve has been professionally involved in aviation since 1966. He is a 9,500 hour pilot holding an Airline Transport Pilot Certificate and Certified Instrument Flight Instructor Certificate in both airplanes and helicopters. He has owned several aircraft including a Staggerwing Beech. For several years he owned and operated an airplane and helicopter flight school (Part 61), air-taxi business (Part 135), helicopter external load operator (Part 133), and agricultural operator (Part 137). His strong aviation background is ideally suited for appraising aircraft and assisting both buyers and sellers of all kinds of aircraft. Steve hold the professional designations of: ABAi Certified International Aircraft Broker, NAAA Senior Certified Aircraft Appraiser. Steve is type rated in: Cessna Citation, Bell 47 & 206, Grumman S-2. Steve is an active member of the Aircraft Brokers Association International (ABAI), National Aircraft Appraisers Association (NAAA), Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), Seaplane Pilots Association (SPA), Helicopter Association International (HAI), Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association (VHPA), Montana

Pilots Association (MPA), International Bird Dog Association (IBDA), National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI), and EAA Chapter 517, Inc. Steve and his company, AMERICAN AIRCRAFT TRADERS, LLC, became a member of The Plane Exchange network in October 2006.

Dick Rutan – Dick made history in December of 1986 after completing a nine day, three minute and forty-four second around the world, non-stop and non-refueled flight, setting world's records that remain unchallenged today. President Ronald Reagan awarded Dick the Presidential Citizen's Medal of Honor at a special ceremony for the Voyager Team four days after the landing. More recently, Dick Rutan was elected to serve as a member of the board for the Mojave Civilian Flight Test Center and Spaceport in Mojave, CA. In July of 2002, Dick Rutan was inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame in Dayton, Ohio. Dick received his solo pilot's license and driver's license on his 16th birthday. He flew 325 missions in Vietnam, 105 of them as a member of the Super Sabre FAC, a high-risk operation commonly known as the "MISTY's." He was hit by enemy ground fire on his last mission and was forced to eject from his burning F-100, to be rescued later. Before retiring from the Air Force in 1978, Lt. Col. Rutan was awarded the Silver Star, five Distinguished Flying Crosses, 16 Air Medals and a Purple Heart. In 1997, the "Around the World In 80 Nights" tour was successfully completed in two small experimental Long-EZ aircraft. In 1998, his attempt at a third around-the-world record ended dramatically with an emergency parachute jump from a pressurized capsule suspended under a 110' hot air/helium balloon after experiencing a dangerous fabric tear. This was his third life-saving parachute jump. In 2000, Dick went on a sightseeing tour of the North Pole, but after the airplane, a Russian Antonov AN2, fell through the ice, the pleasure trip quickly turned into a rescue mission. Currently, he is the chief test pilot for the EZ-Rocket project.

Cynthia Schultz – Cynthia was born and raised in Great Falls, Montana, Cynthia graduated from C.M. Russell High School in 1984 and from Montana State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1988. She received her Professional Engineering License in Washington State in 1992 and her Accredited Airport Executive Certification in 2005. She was a Project Manager at 777 Empennage Composite Tooling for the Boeing Company from 1989-1993, Director of Construction for Buttrey Food and Drug 1996-1998, and the Airport Director of the Great Falls International Airport from 1998 to present. She is a Military Affairs Executive Committee Member, an Executive Board Member of Great Falls Development Authority, a Board Member of Great Falls Chamber of Commerce, and a Board Member of Montana Aeronautics Management Association. Cynthia and her husband, Peter T. Schultz, have three children.

John Hawley Smith – John has been associated with the Laurel Airport for the last 41 years both as a Board member for 7 years and 27 years as Airport Authority Chairman and Manager. During those 41 years he has been involved

in 11 AIP projects involving Master Plans, Land Acquisition including condemnation procedures, and equipment acquisition. He also served on the Laurel City-County Planning Board for 25 years, most of the time serving as Chairman. He is a retired Dentist.

Tom Stanton - SAIA Tom Stanton is a former Army Aviator and has been an operational pilot and Supervisory Air Interdiction Agent with CBP for nearly twenty years. He is an Instructor Pilot in the AS-350 and the UH-60, as well as an Anti-Terrorism instructor and a firearms instructor.

Bram Tilroe - Bram is a retired. He spent most of his career as an Air Traffic Controller (Approach) for 34 years and 5 years as the Tower Chief at both Edmonton Airports. He has served as an executive of the Canadian Air Traffic Control Association, Alberta Aviation Council and the Canadian Civil Air Search and Rescue Association. He served as a reserve officer in the Air force. He loves to fly and share his flying experiences by organizing air tours especially throughout Northern Canada and Alaska, which many Montana pilot have participated in. He is a licensed Glider pilot with over 600 flight and a 3500 hour IFR rated Power pilot. He owns a Piper Dakota and is a member of AOPA, COPA, MPA and MAAA.

Mike Vivion - Mike grew up in Montana, attended the University of Montana, and then spent nearly thirty years working as a Wildlife Biologist/Pilot for the US Fish & Wildlife Service in Alaska. The twelve steps program for recovering government workers seems to be progressing well, though he has now fallen into Academia, coordinating the aviation program at the University of Minnesota in Crookston. Vivion owns a 1952 Cessna 170, and enjoys summers off to explore the Lower 48. Mike will present two sessions - "Lighten Up! The humorous side of flying the Alaska bush" - flying "the bush" can present many challenges, as well as rewards. In many cases, those occurrences seem a lot funnier after a few years.... and also "Making the Most of Every Landing--And other recurrent training strategies" - the price of avgas isn't going down soon, so leveraging every flight to maintain our skills is important, as are some training opportunities that can help maintain or develop even better piloting skills. Come learn how.

Len Wheeler – Len is a recently retired Aviation Safety Inspector with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Helena Flight Standards District Office. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aviation Management and Electronics Engineering from Metropolitan State College, Denver, Colorado. He has been involved with aviation education since 1990 when the FAA sponsored the first Aviation Careers and Education (ACE) program in Montana. He also participates in numerous aviation education related events in Montana including: Civil Air Patrol conferences, Laurel Aviation and Technology Days, Three Forks Antique Airplane Fly Inn, Glasgow Aviation and Technology Days and school programs, with the use of the FAA's flight simulator, to introduce the **excitement of flight** to students.

Clayton Wilhelm – Clayton attended the A&P school at the Helena Vo-tech in 1961. He joined the Montana National Guard in 1963 where he worked as a helicopter mechanic for 28 years. Upon his retirement from the guard he went to work for the Montana Aeronautics Division as their mechanic for 6 years. It took Clayton 11 years to fly his first homebuilt aircraft an RV-4; on August 10, 1998. He then flew his second homebuilt an RV-6A on October 21, 2003. Clayton has been a technical counselor since 2001 and has offered his expertise on a number of homebuilt aircraft.

William White – William bought his 182 in 1992 and after a short while, was looking for something to do with the plane other than breakfast runs. On a flight from Santa Fe to Montana he noticed some massive man made scars at the south end of the Las Vegas, NM airport. While mumbling to himself about the “pipeline people” butchering the landscape, he decided to follow the “pipeline” to see just how bad the environmental damage actually was. After several miles, a light bulb came on between his headphones. Remembering back to 1975 when returning to Albuquerque on a commercial flight the pilot mentioned that ruts from the Santa Fe Trail were visible below, the light bulb lit. Bingo! After some basic research, he determined that the “pipeline” was actually the scarring from the wheels of the wagons made 150 years before. After 4 years of extensive research and hundreds of hours searching for and following ruts, he published his first book, The Santa Fe Trail by Air. That book led to his second, The Oregon, California and Mormon Trails by Air. As a result, hundreds of pilots have enjoyed the experience of following the ruts and have become “Rut Nuts”.

Tom Wrobel – Born and raised in Great Falls, Tom started his aviation career washing airplanes at the airport in the early 50's, he entered the Navy and completed Aviation Machinist's Mates School in Memphis, TN and Aircrew and Survival training in San Diego, CA. For the next 22 years Tom flew as an aircrewmen in nine different Naval Aircraft, including over 5000 hours as a Flight Engineer on WV-2 (EC121) Super Constellations. In December 1976 as CAG-14 Maintenance Chief he completed his fifth deployment to SE Asia, with 9650 hours of flight time. Tom had sat through 112 carrier landings. He retired as a Master Chief Aircraft Maintenceman (AFCM). Tom holds a Bachelors degree in Applied Science, an AA in Aerospace Technology and an AA in Aviation Maintenance Management. Tom recently started a new job with L-3 Vertex as Chief of Quality Control for Customs Border Protection Airwing in Great Falls. He is the President of EAA Chapter 1141, member of AOM, is a Private Pilot, A&P IA and an EAA Tech Counselor.